Miami Dade College

Course Description
PRN0005C | Fundamentals of Nursing |5.00 credits
This course provides an introduction to nursing and roles of the practical nurse in health care settings; as well as profession related and client-care concepts. Emphasis is placed on the knowledge and skills needed to provide safe, quality care. The theoretical foundation for basic assessment and nursing skills is presented, and the student is given an opportunity to demonstrate these skills in a laboratory setting. An introduction to the nursing process provides the student with a beginning framework for clinical decision making. (150 Contact Hrs.)

Course Competencies:
Competency 1: Discuss the role of the nurse and the scope of practice related to the established code of ethics, nurse practice acts, and professional registrations/certifications

Competency 2: Review the spectrum of health care settings providing client care

Competency 3: Discuss the nurse's role in implementing strategies to promote a safe environment for the client, self, and others

Competency 4: Describe the nurse's role in identifying and supporting physiologic and psychosocial needs of clients, considering their diverse backgrounds, preferences, and values

Competency 5: Demonstrate basic nursing skills using proper techniques and measures

Competency 6: Apply the various elements of the nursing process to clinical decision-making to provide quality care

Competency 7: Demonstrate a professional identity for teamwork, collaboration, effective communication, and adherence to standards of practice for nursing

Learning Outcomes:
- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities

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